

MAY 16 1994

STATEMENT BY RICHARD R. THOMAS BEFORE THE STATE WATER QUALITY
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ON MAY 16TH, 1994

1. GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS RICHARD THOMAS. I AM REPRESENTING THE SACRAMENTO AREA OFFICE OF THE WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION, AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. I AM THE ASSISTANT AREA MANAGER FOR POWER SYSTEM OPERATIONS. MY RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDES POWER SYSTEM DISPATCHING AND SCHEDULING AS WELL AS POWER RESOURCES PLANNING.

2. THE MISSION OF THE SACRAMENTO AREA OFFICE IS TO MARKET THE POWER OUTPUT OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT HYDROELECTRIC SYSTEM. WE MUST ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION IN SUCH A WAY AS TO REPAY THE FEDERAL DEBT INCURRED IN CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT WATER AND POWER FACILITIES AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE QUALITY ELECTRIC POWER SERVICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS.

3. IN THE MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO INVOLVE ALL INTERESTS, INCLUDING POWER, IN THE DETAILED PROCESSES AND DECISIONS WHICH WILL BE USED IN DETERMINING THE STANDARDS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY / SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ESTUARY. WE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO INCLUDE IN THESE PROCESSES THE DETERMINATION OF IMPACTS OR BENEFITS OF THE NEW STANDARDS ON HYDRO-ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION ESPECIALLY THAT OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT.

4. THE STANDARDS WHICH WILL BE EVENTUALLY ADOPTED WILL IMPACT OPERATION OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT. SINCE WESTERN'S ABILITY TO FULFILL ITS MISSION OF REPAYING FEDERAL DEBT AND PROVIDING QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE IS DIRECTLY TIED TO THE OPERATION OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT, WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO SELECT PROCESSES AND TOOLS TO COMPLETELY ANALYZE THE VARIOUS WATER SUPPLY SITUATIONS WHICH NOT ONLY ADDRESS WATER OPERATIONS BUT ALSO EFFECTIVELY PORTRAY CONSEQUENT POWER IMPACTS. IN WESTERN'S EXPERIENCE, ONE SUCH ANALYTICAL TOOL HAS BEEN THE PROSIM MODEL.

5. IT IS WESTERN'S STRONG DESIRE TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN POWER IMPACT ASSESSMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE NEW STANDARDS AND IN ANY DECISIONS RELATING TO RESERVOIR OPERATIONS AS THEY MAY PERTAIN TO OUR RESPONSIBILITY OF MARKETING CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT HYDRO-GENERATION. IN THIS REGARD, WE OFFER OUR SERVICES TO THE BOARD.

6. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESENTING THESE REMARKS.